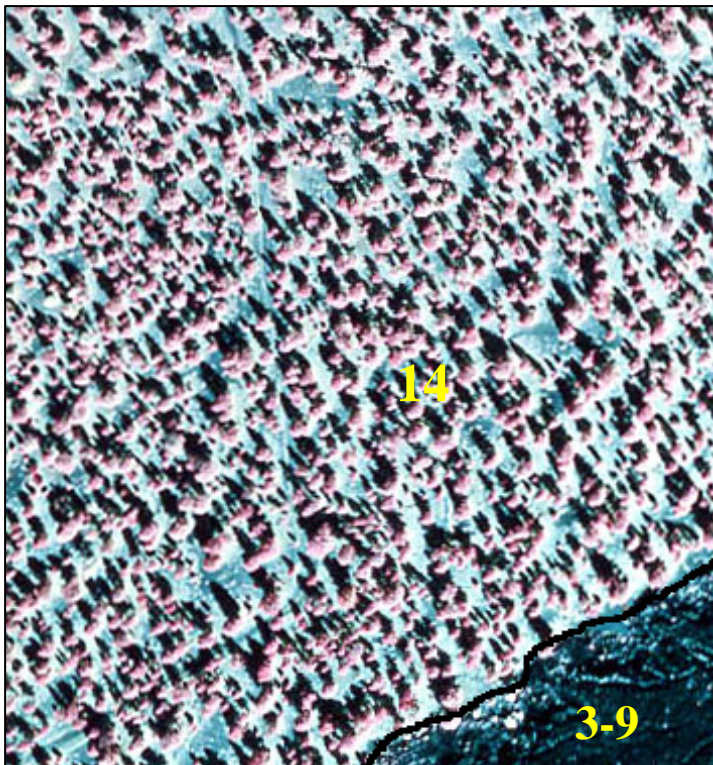


Ponderosa Pine / Cinder Woodland (14)

Location. This map class is widespread, occurring in large areas in a north-south belt separating map codes 15 (Ponderosa Pine/Montane Grass Mosaic) and 17 (Ponderosa Pine/Apache Plume). While scattered clumps of grass or shrubs may occur in the understory, the general ground cover is barren cinder. This type contains most of the known populations of the rare beardtongue (*Penstemon cluteii*).



Photosignature. Ponderosa pines appear as reddish-brown spots, generally accompanied by significant black shadows. White patches, occurring around the base of individual trees, are the result of pine litter, not a grass understory. The ground between the tree crowns has the greenish-black appearance of barren cinder.